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## Letters From The People

### THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT

Editor, The Gazette and Daily:

Perhaps this quotation from "The Invisible Government" by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross will throw some light on the questions raised in your editorial on the mysterious doings in the Gulf of Tonkin:

"There are two governments in the United States today. One is visible. The other is invisible.

"The first is the government that citizens read about in their newspapers and children study about in their civics books. The second is the interlocking, hidden machinery that carries out the policies of the United States in the cold war.

"This second, invisible government gathers intelligence, conducts espionage, and plans and executes secret operations all over the globe.

"To an extent that is only beginning to be perceived, this shadow government is shaping the lives of 190,000,000 Americans. Major decisions involving peace or war are taking place out of public view. An informed citizen might come to suspect that foreign policy of the United States often works publicly in one direction and secretly through the Invisible Government in just the opposite direction."

In view of these reckless acts of war in the Gulf of Tonkin either President Johnson's moralizing about peace is crass hypocrisy

or he is to a certain extent a prisoner of this Invisible Government. I think the latter is true and I dread to think of what would happen if the people were foolish enough to elect to the Presidency a man who would completely identify himself with this Invisible Government, namely Sen. Goldwater.

However, this invisible or behind-the-scenes influence on government dates back much farther than most people think. During the Panamanian crisis Drew Pearson devoted one of his columns to revealing "How The Canal Got To Panama." In 1896 after the French became bogged down in their efforts to dig across Panama, they hired William N. Cromwell, founder of the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, to sell their bankrupt operations to the United States. He enlisted the aid of powerful Wall Street bankers, who saw the opportunity to make a pretty penny by buying the stock of the French Panama Canal Company when it was low.

Then in true CIA style they engineered a revolution to wrest Panama from Colombia. This group was so powerful that they could pull strings to get reversed a House vote of 309 to 2 in favor of the Nicaraguan Canal.

I wish some enterprising journalist would do some research on the part this law firm played in shaping the destiny of this country in this century. John Foster Dulles, a partner in the firm, who was partial to the German cause (perhaps because the firm looked after German cartel interests in this

country) and saw no threat to us in Hitler almost to the time of our entry into the Second World War, was largely instrumental in making that remarkably rapid postwar exchange whereby the enemy became the ally and the ally became the enemy. His brother Allan Dulles might be called the father of the CIA.

It would be interesting to know in detail the part this firm played in shaping the trend to this "Invisible Government."

P.Q.T.